International Business Institutions

†5186. SHRIKAPILSIBBAL:

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several International Business Institutions have started establishing the units for the pre-school primary education in the country;

(b) if so, the names of the MNCs which have entered the field till December 2002; and

(c) the names of the States and number of units established therein by these MNCs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SHRIASHOKPRADHAN): (a) No, Sir. (b) and (c) Do not arise.

NRIs to invest on Education and Health

5187.SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has not been able to convince the NRIs from USA to invest in India on education and health;

(b) if so, whether number of delegations from HRD Ministry visited to US to convince the NRIs for more participation specially in education and health;

(c) whether number of NRIs in USA have pointed out that the norms at present applied in India are not sufficient and require some modifications; and

(d) if so, what were the main hurdles that come in the way ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAIRAMJEBHAIKATHIRIA): (a) It is not correct to say that the Government of India has not been able to convince the NRIs from USA to invest in India on Education and Health. The NRIs/PIOs contribution in the education sector in India is estimated at USD 10—12 million a year. Some of the major initiatives are for starting specialised faculties and improving existing facilities in IITs of Kharagpur, Mumbai and Chennai and starting of the Indian Institute of Business in Hyderabad. In addition they have been contributing for establishing and running schools and colleges in different parts of the country. There have also been several private sector initiatives in IT related training centres in different schools in India. In the health care system of India, US based NRIs /PIOs contribute approximately $ 10—15 million per annum.

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